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| Group: | 2168 |
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**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 11, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2007, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire June 9, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Drawings** describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.